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**Commissioner for Patents**  
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Dear Honorable Sir:

In accordance with the continuing duty under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (“PTO”) any information that may be material to patentability of the above-identified Application, please find enclosed form PTO/SB/08A listing references presently known to Applicants.

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Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to consider the documents listed on the enclosed PTO/SB/08A form prior to the preparation of a first *Office Action* and initial where indicated on the form after reviewing the listed documents.

Applicants believe no fee is due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 as this IDS is being submitted prior to a first Office Action on the merits. The Commissioner is, however, authorized to charge any deficiency in fees to Deposit Account No. 20-1507.

Respectfully submitted,

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